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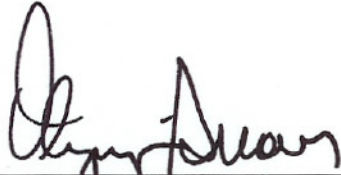
Dear Secretary Johnson:

As Members of the Joint New Hampshire-Maine-Massachusetts Delegation representing the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, we would like to share with you and the members of the Navy's Infrastructure Evaluation Group our views on the importance and value of the Shipyard to our national security.

The attached paper presents key points about the accomplishments, productivity and transformational role of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard. We hope you will find it of use as the Navy proceeds with the Base Closure and Realignment process.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our presentation.

Sincerely,



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